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**Senate Budget Committee Chairman Judd Gregg's Statement
on Labor Department's December Employment Report
*167,000 New Jobs Created in December***

"For the 40th straight month, this growing economy has created new jobs. Unemployment remains steady at a low 4.5 percent. That is good news for American families and for the U.S. economy.

"As the 110th Congress gets underway, I will fight to keep in place the Republican pro-growth tax policies that have contributed to the creation of nearly 7.3 million new jobs since August 2003. We should not abandon these pro-growth policies, which are critical to keeping the economy strong and expanding."